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FOLLOWING ARE THOSE PARTS OF THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S
SPEECH AT THE OASGA RELATED TO PEACEKEEPING. THE REST OF
THE SPEECH DEALT WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC POLICY

BEGIN TEXT. FIVE DAYS AGO, I WENT TO PANAMA. I WENT THERE
TO CELEBRATE NEW TREATIES WHICH PERMIT THE U.S. AND PANAMA
TO OPERATE AND DEFEND THE CANAL ON THE BASIS OF PARTNERSHIP,
NOT PATERNALISM. I WENT THERE TO FULFILL A PLEDGE I MADE
BEFORE YOU IN THIS HALL OF THE AMERICAS A LITTLE MORE THAN
ONE YEAR AGO.

I WENT THERE TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE TREATIES MEAN TO ME AND
TO OTHER NORTH AMERICANS. MORE THAN SIMPLY THE FULFILLMENT
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OF A PLEDGE, THEY ARE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA OF INTER-
AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING REFLECTING A NEW SPIRIT OF COMMIT-
MENT AND COOPERATION.

IN THE PROCESS OF REACHING AGREEMENT, OUR TWO NATIONS--
AND THE MANY OTHERS WHO SUPPORTED US--BREATHED NEW LIFE
INTO SOME OLD PRINCIPLES: PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERVENTION,

MUTUAL RESPECT, PARTNERSHIP, AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION.

WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO APPLY THESE SAME PRINCIPLES TO THE OVERRIDING CONCERNS OF OUR HEMISPHERE--PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

LAST YEAR ON PAN AMERICAN DAY, I OUTLINED THE APPROACH WHICH MY ADMINISTRATION WOULD TAKE TOWARD LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. SLOGANS WOULD NO LONGER SUFFICE TO DESCRIBE THE DIVERSITY OF THE AMERICAS, NOR WOULD A SINGLE FORMULA BE HELPFUL WHEN OUR INDIVIDUAL AND COMMON INTERESTS ARE SO CLEARLY GLOBAL IN SCOPE. THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD REQUIRE THAT WE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE THINK AND ACT MORE BROADLY.

THAT IS WHAT I PLEDGED TO YOU LAST YEAR ON PAN AMERICAN DAY. OTHER GOALS REMAIN THE SAME:

-- TO PROMOTE WORLD PEACE AND DISCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION AND AGGRESSION.

-- TO FOSTER AN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY ARE RESPECTED BY ALL, AND TO END REPRESSION AND TERRORISM.

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-- AND FINALLY, TO MOVE TOWARD A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

THESE ARE THE MOST BASIC GOALS OF THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS--AND THEREFORE OF OUR HEMISPHERE AS WELL. NO ONE NATION CAN DO THE JOB ALONE--NOT THE UNITED STATES, NOR ANY OTHER. ONLY BY COOPERATION AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE AMERICAS, AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WILL WE SEE THESE GOALS FULFILLED.

WE CAN ADVANCE TOWARD PEACE WITH MANY SMALL STEPS, AS WE REMOVE THE CAUSES OF DISPUTE WHICH HAVE PLAGUED OUR HEMISPHERE.

THE RESOLUTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE SHOULD BE A GOOD OMEN THAT OTHER DISPUTES IN OUR HEMISPHERE CAN ALSO BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY. LET US APPROACH OTHER PROBLEMS--SUCH AS BOLIVIAN ACCESS TO THE SEA, THE HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR BORDER DISPUTE, AND THE FUTURE OF BELIZE--IN THE SAME SPIRIT OF ACCOMMODATION AND FRIENDSHIP. JUST AS THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE

OFFERED SUPPORT TO PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES DURING

THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS, I PLEDGE TODAY MY GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN THE EFFORT TO FIND PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTIONS TO OTHER PROBLEMS.

IN ONE YEAR'S TIME, IT WILL BE A CENTURY SINCE THE WAR OF THE PACIFIC. WE SHOULD VIEW THIS OCCASION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO HARMONY IN THIS HEMISPHERE. THE DIFFICULT DECISIONS IN THEIR REGION CAN ONLY BE MADE BY BOLIVIA, PERU AND CHILE. BUT WE STAND READY WITH THE OAS, THE UN, AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO HELP FIND A SOLUTION TO BOLIVIA'S LAND-LOCKED STATUS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES AND WILL CONTRIBUTE

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TO THE PERMANENT PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

IN THIS SAME SPIRIT WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO BRING INTO EFFECT THE FAR-SIGHTED TREATY OF TLAHELCO, WHICH BANS NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM LATIN AMERICA. IT WAS IN THIS HALL LAST YEAR THAT I PLEDGED TO SIGN PROTOCOL I OF THAT TREATY, AND ON MAY 26 I SIGNED IT. SINCE THEN, DUE TO THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE COUNTRIES THAT PIONEERED THE TREATY, THE SOVIET UNION HAS RATIFIED PROTOCOL II AND ARGENTINA HAS AGREED TO RATIFY THE TREATY.

ALL BUT ONE OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE HEMISPHERE ELIGIBLE TO SIGN THE TREATY HAVE NOW SIGNED IT. THIS PRECEDENT-SETTING TREATY REPRESENTS A DRAMATIC ADVANCE FOR THE CAUSE OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, AND WE SHOULD NOT REST UNTIL IT IS COMPLETE. I ALSO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THOSE WHO WANT TO EXTEND THE SPIRIT OF TLAHELCO TO OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD, AND TO CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES AS WELL.

I BELIEVE THAT RESTRAINT IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES IS ALSO CENTRAL TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE. THE U.S. HAS ADOPTED A POLICY WHICH SEEKS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL SALES OF WEAPONS EACH YEAR, ESPECIALLY THE MOST SOPHISTICATED, LETHAL AND EXPENSIVE WEAPONS. AS A MAJOR ARMS SALESMAN, THE U.S. BEARS--AND ACCEPTS--A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIMITING THIS TRADE, BUT WE CANNOT SUCCEED ALONE. OUR EFFORTS WILL DEPEND ON THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE OTHER ARMS SELLERS AND OF ARMS RECIPIENTS. DISCUSSIONS AMONG BOTH GROUPS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN.

AS WE MAKE OUR EFFORTS, WE DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THE

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TRULY HISTORIC INITIATIVE THAT VENEZUELA AND THE OTHER SIGNATORS OF AYACUCHO ARE TAKING TO REMOVE THE CAUSE OF INSECURITY FROM THEIR REGION, AND THEREBY TO REDUCE THE PRESSURES THAT MAKE NATIONS BUY WEAPONS. AS THE

AYACUCHO NATIONS PREPARE FOR ANOTHER MEETING THIS WEEK, I REAFFIRM MY COUNTRY'S CONVICTION THAT THEIR WORK IS BRINGING US CLOSER TO LASTING PEACE, AND I EXPRESS MY HOPE THAT THEIR EFFORTS CAN BE EXPANDED TO OTHER WEAPONS PURCHASERS AND TO SUPPLIERS.

WE CAN ALSO REDUCE THE PRESSURE FOR ARMAMENTS--AND FOR REGIONAL VIOLENCE--BY ENSURING THAT ALL NATIONS RESPECT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF OTHERS. THE INTRUSION OF FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES INTO LOCAL DISPUTES CAN ONLY UNDERMINE THIS CAUSE. WE SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PEACE-KEEPING AND DISPUTE-SETTLING MACHINERY OF THE OAS AND THE UN.

OUR AGENDA FOR COOPERATION IS, THEREFORE, PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND A JUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN THIS HEMISPHERE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WE SET FOR OURSELVES AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM LAST YEAR. MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, BUT MUCH MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE.

THE OAS CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ADDRESSING OUR COMMON PROBLEMS. IT HAS BECOME PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE IN THE AREAS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE-KEEPING. IT WILL BECOME STILL MORE EFFECTIVE AS ITS INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL STRUCTURE COMES TO REFLECT THE GREATER EQUITY IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS.

I BELIEVE THAT THE MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE NEGOTIATIONS, DEBATE, AND CONCLUSION OF THE PANAMA

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CANAL TREATIES CAN BECOME THE BASIS FOR NEW RELATIONSHIPS IN THE HEMISPHERE AND THE WORLD. WITH TRUST AND COOPERATION EVEN THE MOST DIFFICULT AND SERIOUS DISPUTES CAN BE SETTLED.

THE OTHER NATIONS IN THIS HEMISPHERE ARE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TO MY COUNTRY AND TO THE WORLD.

I DO NOT EXPECT THAT OUR VIEWS WILL ALWAYS COINCIDE, BUT
I KNOW THAT WE SHARE THE SAME BASIC VALUES. WORKING
TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND TRUST WE
CAN ACHIEVE OUR COMMON GOALS: A MORE JUST ECONOMIC
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